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Dear Mrs Draper,

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Evidently, your decision for subdivision of the patent appl. doesn't comply with that of the PCT, DPMA (German Patent Office) and EPO (European Patent Office). If it has to be subdivided, I would specify the following patent Appls. resulting from the subdivision thereof:

- Appl. 1 incl. Figs. 15, 16, 18, 19, 12a and 12b; (Figs. 8 to 10);
- Appl. 2 incl. Figs. 1, 2, 14, 17, 20 to 23, 12a and 12b; (Figs. 8 to 10);
- Appl. 3 incl. Claim 5, Figs. 1 and 14; (Fig. 11); and
- Appl. 4 incl. Claim 30, Figs. 13 and 15 (belt deflector 5b, handle 5.2).

However, the Appl. 1 and Appl. 2 could be merged into one.

Please discuss the Appls., which I will work out and submit to USPTO before the deadline on Oct. 15, with your supervisor Mr. Dickson. I'll phone you on Aug. 11 or 12 at 3 to 5 pm US-time to learn your suggestions and decision.

Thank you in advance.

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